For issue of Instrument Rating, the requirement of flying has been reduced from 150 hrs to 100 hrs.

Airstrips in J & K

2272. CHOWDHARY MOHAMMAD ASLAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have indentified places in the State of Jammu and Kashmir where airstrips are proposed to be developed so as to enable tourists, both foreign and domestic, to reach beautiful places in the interior of the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when work on these projects are proposed to start and are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up development works at Srinagar, Jammu and Leh airports in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

At Srinagar airport, work for expansion/modification of terminal building for 500 domestic and 450 international passengers is in progress and is expected to be completed by June, 2007.

AAI has plans for development of Jammu and Leh airports subject to availability of additional land from Ministry of Defence.

Plans for airports in Karnataka

2273. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed plans for airports other than Bangalore in Karnataka;

(b) the timelines and investment plans for the same;

(c) the status of the second runway at Mangalore Airport; and

(d) the status of the international status of Mangalore Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has

planned to develop various airports in Karnataka other than Bangalore as detailed below:

Belgaum airport—Expansion of runway, construction of a new terminal building and associated facilities for operation of A-320 type of aircrafts. Taking up of the development work is contigent upon handing. over 370 acres of additional land to AAI by the State Government.

Hubli airport—Expansion of runway for operation of A-320 type of aircraft, new terminal building and associated facilities. Taking up of upgradation work and preparation of budget estimates are contigent upon handing over of requisite additional land to AAI by the State Government.

Mangalore airport—Construction of a new integrated terminal building for 500 passengers near beginning of runway 06 alongwith associated apron and taxiway. This is likely to be completed in 18 months after award of the contract.

Mysore—Development of airport for operation of ATR-72 type of aircrafts at a cost of Rs. 89.29 crore. The work is likely to be completed by April, 2008.

(c) The second runway 06/24 of dimensions 2450m x 45m has been constructed and commissioned in May, 2006.

(d) Its runway needs to be expanded and terminal building capacity augmented and some more facilities provided before it is declared as an international airport. Mangalore airport is already a Customs airport and the existing Terminal Building is having required facilities for handling limited international flights.

Expansion of airports at Mysore and Bellary

2274. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested for revival and expansion of the Airports at Mysore and Bellary; and

(b) if so, the details of each proposal and the Central response thereto?